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Mr. Scott Trout
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RE: Application for McMinnville Electric System

Dear Mr. Trout:

Please be advised that McMinnville Electric System desires to suspend or withdraw its application, which ever is appropriate, currently filed with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.

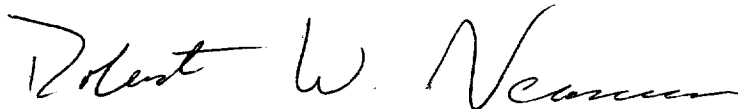
It is my understanding from my conversations with you and other staff members at the Tennessee Regulatory Authority that McMinnville Electric System would not need Tennessee Regulatory Authority approval to lease "dark fiber" to other telecommunication providers.

If you have any questions in this matter, please contact Neal Cox at McMinnville Electric System at (931) 473-3144.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Your very truly,

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